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For: AlCuMg ALLOYS WITH HIGH DAMAGE
TOLERANCE SUITABLE FOR USE AS
STRUCTURAL MEMBERS IN AIRCRAFTS

Examiner: J. C. Morillo

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005, applicant hereby provisionally elects claims Group I, claims 1-14, 17-92 and 106 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-14, 17-92 and 106, drawn to an aluminum alloy and Group II, claims 15, 16, 93-105 and 107-119, drawn to a process of casting, working and heat treating an aluminum alloy.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent.

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Namely, under the Ochiai guidelines, elected products and their methods of manufacture and use should be examined together in the same application.

It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of claims 1-119 presently pending in this application be examined together in the same application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22130-00010-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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